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## MEXICAN PROBLEM BECOMING WORSE

VILLA ACTIVE AGAIN

**His New Ascendancy in Portions of Country Gives Cause for Apprehension.**

Washington, Oct. 25.—Conditions in northern Mexico, revolting on the new ascendancy of Villa, are commanding more attention than at any time since the border raids which resulted in the dispatch of the American punitive expedition.

Administration officials made no effort tonight to disguise their opinion that the American-Mexican commission sitting at Atlantic City can not be expected to arrive at a satisfactory solution of border problems until the Chihuahua situation has been clarified. Any agreement for the early withdrawal of Gen. Pershing's forces apparently is considered out of question.

Moreover, the impression stood out clearly that while the present situation exists there is little possibility that the forces of regulars or National Guardsmen on the border will be reduced.

Coupled with ugly reports which disparage the stability of Gen. Carranza's regime and interpret his removal from Mexico City to Queretaro as a sign of the breaking up process which his enemies have repeatedly predicted, the military movements of Villa, now making a formidable campaign in Chihuahua, are regarded here as menacing the de facto government's control of the whole northern country.

Prominent in the whole situation are apparently well founded but indefinite reports of the connection of the so-called legalista movements with the whole train of events. The Mexican embassy today declared that Villa's forces consist only of a few hundred men "claiming Villa as their leader" and branded reports of instability of Gen. Carranza's government as "a flood of misrepresentations that might be expected from enemies," when the Mexican-American began its work.

At the same time reports came to the war department that Villa's camp fires were in sight of Chihuahua City and that Gen. Trevino, the Carranza commander there, although plentifully supplied with arms and receiving reinforcements, was short of ammunition and considering evacuation of the capital. Department officials said tonight they had not heard the report reaching the border that Chihuahua actually had fallen.

As a matter of military strategy it was pointed out that Villa, once occupying Chihuahua, could compel the surrender of Juarez and at another stroke might take Torreon, Monerey and Saltillo, when he would be a military factor somewhat different from the bandit for whose elimination an American military expedition has dispatched. The war department reports on Villa's latest coup came from Brig. Gen. Bell, who transmitted stories he had obtained from refugees arriving in El Paso. It was conceded that no room was left for doubt that the bandit leader was operating openly and in force. Gen. Bell's dispatch gave details of the annihilation of the Carranza column under Gen. Ozuna by Villa forces at Palomas and described how the Villa troops captured or killed more than a thousand Carranza troops and took all the supply trains.

The Mexican embassy's explanation of Gen. Carranza's move to Queretaro was that he had gone to prepare for the meeting of the constituent assembly, for which deputies just have been elected. The arrival of the families of Gen. Carranza and Obregon in the United States was declared to be without significance. Reports by Gen. Funston, however, said Gen. Trevino had privately advised many officials in Chihuahua to leave the city. Trevino has sent his own family out of the country and he prepared a special train for officials.

Reports to persons here in touch with the legalista movement state unequivocally that Villa has personally given assurances that he will leave Mexico and go to Cuba if Carranza is overthrown. The shortage of am-

## AMERICANS KILLED IN SANTO DOMINGO

BATTLE RAGED 45 MINUTES

**Batista Slain and Rebel Forces Eventually Defeated, According to Report.**

Santo Domingo, Oct. 24.—In an engagement between American troops and rebel forces today Gen. Ramon Batista was killed. Several Americans also are reported killed, including two officers, and one American officer was wounded.

The names of the American officers killed are given as Capt. William Low and Atwood. Lieut. Morrison was wounded.

The American commander attempted to arrest Gen. Batista, who resisted and ordered an attack on the American forces. Fighting continued for a considerable time, but the rebels were eventually defeated.

The engagement took place opposite Santo Domingo City and caused somewhat of a panic in the capital. Reinforcements were sent there to aid American troops in maintaining order. The number of killed and wounded in the fight is at present not known.

A revolt took place in the Dominican army several weeks ago, but American marines and bluejackets soon had control of the situation. They were reinforced with American troops from Port Au Prince, Haiti.

## WAGE U-BOAT WAR UPON NORWEGIANS

**German Submarine Strike at Their Shipping.**

London, Oct. 25.—German submarines are waging a persistent war on Norwegian shipping. In the meantime, according to the Exchange Telegraph company's Copenhagen correspondent, the Norwegian government still is discussing the form of its reply to Germany's protest against Norway's stand with regard to submarines in Norwegian waters and sensational rumors are current concerning the relations between Norway and Germany.

The Norwegian government organ, referring to these rumors, according to the correspondent, says it may be assumed that the German protest is so couched as not to bear the character of an ultimatum.

The Norwegian Mercantile Shipping Gazette says that five German submarines have established a regular blockade of the Norwegian south coast.

Reuter's Stavanger correspondent says the Norwegian bark Athenian, which has arrived at Egersund, reports that on Sunday she saw four Norwegian steamers set on fire by a German submarine. The Athenian escaped to Egersund and does not dare put to sea again, says the correspondent.

Munition among Carranza troops in the North is explained by the same persons with the statement that the internal politics among Carranza leaders is such that Gen. Obregon is personally keeping control of practically all the available ammunition. Recent news dispatches reported the movement of a train load of ammunition to Queretaro when Gen. Carranza and Gen. Obregon went there from Mexico City. Sources in touch with the legalista movement say Obregon took it with him that he might control its disposal.

So far as is known, Villa has no leaders of consequence with him except Inez Salazar, whom he liberated from the Chihuahua penitentiary on his recent raid. Former Villa leaders now exiled along the American border are said to be ready to rejoin him at the first sign of a decisive military success.

Some of the reports of the alleged disaffection within the Carranza administration have gone so far as to express fears for the safety of the first chief himself and intimate that his removal was under circumstances controlled by Gen. Obregon. Carranza representatives, however, brand that as absurd.

In military circles here it is believed that the presence of Gen. Pershing's force in Mexico has served to keep this outbreak at arm's length from the border.

## PRESIDENT GOES TO MIDDLE WEST

TO SPEAK FOUR TIMES

**Will Deliver Quartette of Addresses in Cincinnati—Greeted by Crowds.**

On Board President Wilson's Special Train, Martinsburg, W. Va., Oct. 25.—With the election less than two weeks away, President Wilson is traveling towards Ohio tonight on his third and final Middle Western trip of the campaign. He goes most of the way through territory which he had not visited before in the campaign. The president is due to arrive in Cincinnati at 11:30 tomorrow morning for three and possibly four addresses. The visit to Ohio will mark the opening of the "big drive" planned by Democratic campaign managers for the last two weeks of the campaign. Encouraged by optimistic reports from Ohio, the president plans to see as many people as possible in Cincinnati and during his ride through the State in the morning en route to Cincinnati.

Mr. Wilson shook hands with crowds today at Philadelphia and during two brief stops in Baltimore. He did not speak at either place, many of the men who greeted him were railroad employes and several times they called him "Eight Hour Wilson."

For several hours tonight the president traveled through West Virginia but no long stops were made.

In Cincinnati Mr. Wilson will speak at a reception at the Chamber of Commerce, probably at a lunch at the Women's City club, at a dinner at the Business Men's club and in the evening at a meeting at the Music hall. He leaves at 10 o'clock and will stop Friday at Cumberland, Md., Baltimore and Philadelphia.

## MINING ENGINEER WAS ASPHYXIATED

Fairmont, W. Va., Oct. 26.—L. M. Jones, a mining engineer, was asphyxiated today when engaged in rescue work at the Jamison mine, where more than a dozen men were entombed yesterday by an explosion. Jones was sent to the mine yesterday in charge of a trained crew from the Pittsburgh station of the bureau of mines.

Seven rescuers had reached the bottom of the shaft yesterday and canary birds were released to test the air. All the birds were killed, and Jones, who had advanced farther than the others, fell. His companions tried to save him and one was overcome, but recovered. Jones was taken out quickly, but did not revive.

The work of exploring the mines continued during the early hours of the day and soon after 6 o'clock the body of Matthew Allison, the chief electrician, was brought out. Three other bodies were recovered. These men, the rescue party said, evidently had been killed by gas.

## FIVE MORE SENT DOWN.

**Norwegian Ships Suffer at Hands of Germans.**

London, Oct. 25.—The sinking by German submarines of five more Norwegian steamships is reported in an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Christiania.

Shipping shares dropped considerably on the Christiania exchange today.

The steamers Alix and Rising and the schooner Theodore, together with the Swedish schooners Antinette and Henrietta, are among the latest submarine victims, adds the dispatch.

Tidens Tegn of Christiania states that one boat with six men from the Norwegian steamer Ravn, reported sunk by a German submarine in the Arctic on October 2, has been lost, while another boat with 11 men reached a lonely part of the Russian Murman coast, after drifting 13 hours.

## MONEY IN PURE OIL.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 25.—The directors of the Pure Oil company today declared the regular quarterly dividend of 6 per cent and an extra dividend of 4 per cent on the common stock.

## BLEASE FACTION DECIDES TO STAY

REAFFIRMS ITS STAND

**"Reform Democrats" Hear Address by Their Chief in Richland Court House.**

Columbia, Oct. 25.—Members of the Blease faction will not go into the general election. This course of action was determined last night in the convention of Bleasites held in Richland county court house in response to a call issued by W. A. James of Bishopville late in September. The resolution reaffirming allegiance to the Democratic party, both State and national, was introduced by John G. Richards of Liberty Hill. It read:

"Resolved, By the Reform Democrats of South Carolina, in convention assembled, that we do hereby reaffirm our allegiance to the Democratic principles, State and national."

Prior to the introduction of this resolution a speech was delivered by Cole L. Blease in which he disclaimed any intention of going into the general election. "I am not a candidate for any office now. I do not expect to be a candidate for any office in the general election; and will not be. I am not now a candidate for any office in the near or distant future."

## Again Charges Fraud.

In an earlier paragraph of his speech, Mr. Blease asserted that the nomination of Gov. Manning had been procured through fraud and that the oath in the recent primary was no more binding upon the elector to support the Democratic nominee than it was upon other electors who supported Haskell against the nominee, B. R. Tillman, in the early '90s. The Haskellites were not bound, he said, to support the nominee if they thought the nominee's "election had been obtained by fraud just as I am not bound, unless I see fit to be, nor is any other man bound to support the nominee of the Democratic party, as declared by the State Democratic executive committee in the primary held September 12, 1916, because he is not the nominee, but his nomination was obtained by the theft of votes, by the purchase of votes with whiskey and money, by intimidation and coercion, fraud, theft and perjury." Supplementing his charges of fraud and intimidation numerous letters, telegrams and affidavits were read, which were presented to the State Democratic executive committee, when Gov. Manning was declared the nominee, but which alleged evidence was not accompanied by a protest from the defeated candidate.

Following Mr. Blease's speech, a resolution was introduced by Chas. Carroll Simms of Barnwell, commending the action of the six committeemen who refused to join in declaring Mr. Manning the nominee, but added:

"We would be the last to encourage any division of the white voters of this State, which might tend to lead to an appeal to an alien race."

## Faction's Platform.

A third resolution was offered by Thos. F. Brantley of Orangeburg, which outlined in a measure the platform of the faction which will seek to rehabilitate the defeated issues. This was largely a reiteration of the platform on which Mr. Blease went before the voters of South Carolina last summer. Chief among the planks were endorsement of the warehouse system, 6 per cent legal rate of interest, biennial sessions of the legislature and the adoption of the Australian ballot.

Machinery for the readjustment of the factory was provided in a resolution introduced by W. A. Stuckey of Bishopville, in which a central committee is provided. This is composed of two members from the State at large and one from each congressional district. Those appointed by W. J. Talbert of Parksville, who presided over the meeting and who yesterday announced his candidacy for the United States senate, were:

State at Large—W. A. James of Lee, O. L. Johnson of Spartanburg, First district, John P. Grace of Charleston; Second, E. R. Buckingham of Aiken; Third, James N. Pear-

## VINCENT CHICCO TRIED IN COURT

BIG COMPANY FINED

**Southern Express Must Pay \$500 For Delivery of Whiskey Illegally.**

Charleston, Oct. 25.—In the court of general sessions today, the trial of Vincent Chicco, Sr., was a feature, and consumed the greater part of the proceedings. The defendant, an alderman of this city and widely known over the State, was charged with storing contraband liquor, in violation of the prohibition laws. He put up a stout defense, declaring he had no connection with the beer found in a vacant house next to his place of business and that he had gone out of the liquor business altogether. At a late hour this afternoon the jury was still out.

A fine of \$500 was imposed upon the Southern Express company by Judge Rice today in the court of general sessions, the defendant corporation having been found guilty Monday of delivering liquor illegally. Counsel noted an exception and gave notice of appeal. Bond of \$1,000 was fixed by the court. M. L. Watson pleaded guilty of violating the prohibition laws as to storing and was given a sentence of six months on the gang or in the penitentiary, four months being suspended. It is understood that the defendant will seek a new trial.

## COTTON SOARS HIGHEST SINCE THE CIVIL WAR

New York, Oct. 25.—Cotton in the future market sold today above 29 cents a pound, the May option rising 22 points to 20.01, the highest price it has touched since the civil war.

The advance carried prices \$7.90 a bale above the low level of last Wednesday.

The strength in the late trading yesterday seemed to attract many overnight buying orders and the demand was further stimulated by the census report on ginning to October 18. Few traders had anticipated that the output would amount to less than 7,500,000 bales, but the official figures placing the total at 7,291,000 bales seemed to increase confidence in bullish estimates of the crop.

## In New Orleans.

New Orleans, Oct. 25.—Cotton advanced almost \$2 a bale on the strongest months in the future market here today, following smaller ginning returns than expected from the census bureau. The July option was sent to 19.89 cents a pound, the highest future quotation ever posted on the local exchange boards.

The trade looked for something like 7,500,000 bales ginned to October 18 and when today's report showed slightly under 7,300,000 a heavy buying wave started. Within a few minutes prices were 32 to 39 points up but the advance was checked by heavy realizing sales.

## Sensational Break.

New Orleans, Oct. 25.—Just after 1:30 p. m. with cotton prices standing 13 to 15 points above yesterday's closing figures, there occurred one of the sharpest breaks noted in this market in years. Within three minutes the December option fell 73 points, trading from 19.03 down to 18.30. The only reason for the decline appeared to be a bearish circular from a prominent market writer who estimated the total crop at 14,000,000 bales.

man of Anderson; Fourth, Riley J. Rowley of Greenville; Fifth, I. J. Campbell of York; Sixth, Thomas P. Brown of Florence; Seventh, J. B. Addy of Lexington.

A resolution calling upon Mr. Blease for a resume of his speech before the student body of Allen university for negroes evoked from the ex-governor a bitter denunciation of the reporter who heard the speech and gave the press report.

Prior to the organization of the convention W. A. James, who issued the call, read a preamble of the purposes. W. J. Talbert was then made chairman and John K. Aull secretary.

## URNS ATTENTION TO FAMED REGION

SCORES BIG SUCCESS

**Captures Village and Fort of Douaumont and Occupies Haudremont Quarries.**

Paris, Oct. 24.—In a powerful series of attacks on the Verdun front the French have captured the village and fort of Douaumont, advanced beyond the Thiaumont work and farm and occupied also the Hauremont quarries, north of Verdun, according to the bulletin issued by the war office tonight. The prisoners captured and counted thus far number 3,500.

## BEATEN ON THE SOMME

Berlin, Oct. 24 (via Sayville).—In an attempt to break through the German lines on the Somme at any cost, the British and French yesterday used great numbers of troops in repeated attacks, the war office announced today. Their assaults broke down with heavy losses.

The defeat of the allies was so severe, the statement says, that all along the front the dead are lying in one row after another. South of the Somme a French attack met with similar results.

## VICTORY FOR TEUTONS.

Berlin, Oct. 24 (via Sayville).—German and Austro-Hungarian forces, after a violent engagement south of Kronstadt, Transylvania, yesterday captured Predeal, says the German official statement issued today. Six hundred prisoners were taken.

## ADVANCE IN DOBRUDJA.

Berlin, Oct. 24 (via Sayville).—The capture of the Roumanian town of Rashova in Dobrudja on the Danube below Tchernavoda was announced today by the war office.

Medjidie on the Tchernavoda-Constanza railroad also has been captured. The army of Field Marshal von Mackensen has taken prisoners more than 6,700 Roumanians and Russians.

## RETRAT TO HEIGHTS

Petrograd, Oct. 24 (via London).—The occupation of Constanza and Medjidie in Dobrudja by forces of the central powers is announced in today's war office report. Under hostile pressure, says the statement, the Russians and Roumanian troops retired to the heights north of these places. No notably important operations along the Roumanian northeastern frontier are reported in the official announcement.

## LITTLE BOOTY LOST.

London, Oct. 24.—According to reports from Bucharest received at Rome and relayed here, the forces of the central powers took little booty at Constanza, as the evacuation of the Dobrudja seaport had been decided upon some time ago.

Emperor William, the advices said, has sent congratulations to King Ferdinand of Bulgaria on the capture of Constanza.

## TURKS HELP FRIENDS.

Constantinople, Monday, Oct. 23 (via London Oct. 24).—Turkish troops which, with their allies, crossed the Constanza-Medjidie railway line in Dobrudja are pursuing the retreating Russians and Roumanians, says an official statement issued today by the Turkish war office. The sinking of the Roumanian coast of a 3,000 ton transport by Turkish submarines also is reported.

## SUCCESS UPON CERNA.

Paris, Oct. 24.—Servian troops operating in the Cerna region on the Macedonian front have won a new success, according to today's announcement by the war office. A counter attack launched by German and Bulgarian troops was stopped by the Servian artillery. The Servians then attacked the opposing lines and captured several trenches.

On the Struma front there is inactivity. River floods are interfering with the movement of troops.